# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:213
ANSWERED ON:14.12.2015
Strategic Petroleum/Natural Gas Reserve
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**Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government proposes to maintain strategic reserve of petroleum and natural gas resources for use in an unforeseen situation in the country;
(b) if so, the details of the plan chalked out by the Government for uninterrupted supply of crude oil/gas and other petroleum products from the international market to meet the future requirement;
(c) whether the Government proposes to construct strategic reserve in every State to meet the supply of petroleum products in the country; and
(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DHARMENDRA PRADHAN)
(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.
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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.213 BY SHRIMATI DARSHANA VIKRAM JARDOSH TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2015 REGARDING "STRATEGIC PETROLEUM/NATURAL GAS RESERVE".
(a) & (b): In the interest of our energy security objectives, the Government, through Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Limited (ISPRL), is setting up Strategic Crude Oil Reserves with storage capacity of 5.33 Million Metric Tonnes (MMT) at three locations viz. Visakhapatnam (storage capacity: 1.33 MMT), Mangalore (storage capacity: 1.5 MMT) and Padur (storage capacity: 2.5 MMT). Filling of crude oil in Vishakhapatnam storage facility has been completed. Facilities at Mangalore and Padur are under construction.
Public Sector Oil Companies have also made significant efforts to diversify their crude oil supply sources. India's crude oil import basket is continuously expanding over last few years, with increased imports from South American and African countries. In addition to the efforts at geographical diversification of our import sources, efforts are being made to augment domestic production of oil and natural gas.
(c) & (d): In order to further increase the Strategic Crude Oil storage capacity, a detailed feasibility report has been prepared for construction of additional 12.5 MMT of strategic crude oil storages in Phase-II at four locations viz. Bikaner (3.75 MMT) , Rajkot (2.5 MMT), Chandikhol (3.75 MMT), and Padur (2.5 MMT).
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